

# EDITORIALS

## Schools are Local

At least one representative in Congress from California sees the controversial Federal aid to schools program as "sugar-coated poison," at least for states like California.

Congressman James B. Utt of the 28th District speaks out in the July issue of "The Tax Digest." He opens his very convincing argument with the statement:

"Since the earliest days of our republic, schools have been a function of State and local governments. However, our schools could be plunged into a program of socialistic controls, lured by the sugar-coated poisons of Federal aid to education."

The congressman goes on to say:

"The basis for this subtle attack on local control of our schools is to be found in the loudly shouted claims of need for additional classrooms to keep up with the ever increasing school population. The argument runs that, since local and State governments have not met the alleged need, the Federal government must do so.

"What the argument overlooks is that many areas have never tried building up an educational system as we have done in California. And if Federal aid is assured, they will probably give up whatever efforts they have made to finance their own schools. But the money will have to come from somewhere, and it will come in the form of ever higher taxes on the people of States which have tried to keep pace with their own local development and educational needs."

Torrance, more than many other fast-growing Southern California communities, has had a school problem that has been, is and for a long time will be critical. Federal funds have assisted in solving some of the problems, but the community itself has moved boldly and effectively in an effort to solve the problems locally. The city has been fortunate in having school leadership in administration that has not been corrupted and softened by the siren song of easy Federal money. In fact, Supt. J. H. Hull at one time made a proposal that would have been revolutionary (because it was so practical) in that it would have enabled a speedy, economical program of building, construction entirely with local financing.

Education at the elementary and high school level is so near and dear to the people that they should want to do everything within their power to maintain local controls. There can be no greater monument to civic pride than the realization that a community has met head on and solved successfully its own problems of education.

## A Great Parade

Spectators along the parade route Saturday expressed personal tastes for the various types of entries, but were in agreement on one point—the spectacle was perhaps one of the best of its kind in the history of Torrance.

Even by Western standards, the assembly of horse flesh and elaborately festooned tack made the local effort Class A.

An amazing thing about these Southern California community festivals is the manner in which uniformed organizations from other cities cooperate in making local events a success. This entails a great deal of effort on the part of leaders and members of the participating groups, especially at this time of the year when so many are away on vacations.

Bear in mind the cost of transporting horses, personnel and equipment and one realizes at once that these good people must have a genuine interest in their hobby to cause them to go to all this trouble. Their only reward is the smiles and appreciation reflected in the faces of the spectators and the hope of perhaps winning a trophy or ribbon.

Torrance is fortunate in having in its police department a young man with a talent for doing these things. He is, of course, Lt. D. C. Cook who on more than one occasion has proved his ability to bring order out of chaos and produce a parade that is really worth watching.

Saturday's parade was a commendable prelude to the more solemn dedication at the new Civic Center. Those Torrance citizens who organized the parade and entered wholeheartedly into the spirit of the project, deserve the gratitude of the entire community. At the same time all of us should be grateful to the people of other communities who played such an important part in making the parade a great success.

## Signs of Prosperity

According to a survey made by the Chamber of Commerce, business is booming and setting records almost at a pace comparable with the population growth. Of the retail firms answering the query, 58.8% reported sales up 127 per cent over 1955 during the 1956 first six months period. Approximately 25 per cent reported sales in 1956 keeping pace with the record peak of 1955 and only 17.6% reported seven per cent less sales in 1956.

This is an encouraging situation and should indicate to everyone in business in Torrance that there is much to be gleaned from harvesting new fields created by a fantastic growth in population.

Of course those who make aggressive, intelligent efforts will be the ones who will profit most by these new frontiers of demand. Certainly the merchant or business man who gears his advertising to attraction of these thousands of new residents will prosper, perhaps beyond the realm of his wildest dream.

Postal receipts, building permits and other statistics reflect the continued fast and solid growth of Torrance. The grounds for optimism are sound and the time for realization that this city has entered the big leagues has long since past.

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ARLINGTON, TEX., CITIZEN: "If Arlington can meet its obligations in the matters of education without neglecting its responsibilities, we think there are few other communities in the nation who cannot meet their obligations without the benefit of government doles."

## Tastes In TV Programs Vary



## YOUR PROBLEMS

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann: I was married at 16 and had four babies before I was 23. I'm 25 now and have a wonderful home and family but I've never had a day's vacation in nine years—except when I've gone to the hospital to have a baby.

I'm so fed up with washing, ironing, cleaning and cooking I could scream. When I tell my husband I'd like a little rest away from the house and kids he says I'm selfish. Then I feel ashamed of myself.

I envy his frequent three-day fishing trips. He returns refreshed and calm. I'm so tired and irritable I bawl over nothing these days. Please help me or am I being silly? MONNIE

Take a vacation before you flip your wig. It's your husband who should be ashamed—not you. Even machines break down and wear out. Next time he plans a fishing trip, tell him to include you. Get a reliable person to care for the kids in your absence. (No sense taking your work with you!) You'll be a better wife and mother after a few days away from the daily grind. You've earned it.

Dear Ann: I had a swell boy friend—once. We broke up recently and he told me off but good. He listed his gripes and I was plenty burned up. Now, after thinking everything over, I realize he was right. I had many faults which should have been corrected long ago.

We run into each other often but it's very casual and all we talk about is the weather and the Cleveland Indians. How can I let him know I've been pig-headed and foolish. I want him back. PORKY

Tell him in plain English, Porky—in case he doesn't dig Pig Latin.

P.S.: When you talk about the Indians what do you say beside "tsk, tsk, tsk."

Dear Ann: I've been married 15 months and have a fine husband and baby daughter. I ran into an old boy friend recently and something clicked. So far we've had nothing but impersonal conversation, but I'm afraid something deeper is going to develop if I don't get some outside help quick.

We have mutual friends and he lives near us so I can't avoid him. I'd sooner cut off my right arm than hurt my husband and baby. Please tell me what to do. DANGER AHEAD

You're heading down the road to temptation; take that sharp turn to the right. The only thing you have to cut off is the silent flirtation with the old flame. This is a "Do It Thyself" project.

Dear Ann Landers: In 1952 my brother borrowed \$1000 from me to buy a car. The same year he traded it in on a new one and they had their

first baby. In 1953 they had a second baby and still nothing said about the debt. In '54 another blessed event, plus a deep-freeze and new TV. Last year an automatic washer-dryer, new furniture and anotherouncing baby boy. Still no sign of repaying me of the \$1000.

My wife and I think he's being unfair yet we hesitate to press for the money as we know four babies in four years is expensive. We always got along fine and don't want any hard feelings. Can you advise us? BROTHERS' KEEPER?

The fact that the stork is practically a household pet at present in letters here doesn't excuse him from doing something about his obligation. Somebody's going to have

some hurt feelings in this matter and in my opinion it may as well be your brother. As a matter of principle he should begin to make regular payments on the debt—no matter how small. Don't be bashful about suggesting it—unless that is, your money comes out of a pump.

CONFIDENTIALLY: R. E.: Stop punishing yourself. Your feeling of worthlessness is not deserved. You need a female companion. Quit hiding and make yourself available. Life is good!

DISTURBED: Tell him talk is cheap and to put his money up where his mouth is. (Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of The Torrance Herald.) (Copyright 1956, Field Enterprises, Inc.)

## THE MAIL BOX

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### Against Litterbugs

The Herald, Torrance.

Dear Sir: I for one enjoyed your editorial on the professional litterbug. This business of plastering windshields with dodgers and other advertising matter is an inconvenience to the motorist and results in littering streets and parking lots.

I came from a town in the San Fernando Valley and they had a city law that made it illegal for anyone to place advertising bills in or on cars. I think maybe such a law would be a good thing in Torrance which is a city that is growing up very fast.

I am pleased to be living in a city like this which is in many ways better than the one from which we came. We like the climate because there is nothing like it anywhere and I have lived in many sections of the country.

We like your Sunday paper because it keeps us informed of what is going on in what is now our "hometown". The boy we have on our street is a good boy but please ask him to place it on our porch so that we will be sure to get it.

Very respectfully, H.M.D. (Torrance)

### Other Centers

The Herald, Torrance.

Dear Editor: It is all right for you to be for shopping in downtown Torrance but don't forget there are several other nice little shopping centers that are still in Torrance and still have been communities for a long time.

Torrance is so large that it is only natural each one of these "little cities" has a following built up after years of square dealing by the busi-

nessmen who happen to be located in them. These business houses do give service and it is convenient to shop in them. Besides they contribute in their own way to local community projects.

For obvious reasons please do not print my name because I am a competitor of every other shopping center in my own little way. A Subscriber.

### Woman Likes Beauty

Editor Herald:

I am a woman and supposed not to be very much interested in bathing beauty contests. I have watched your paper and seen many pictures of lovely looking girls which Torrance seems to have at least its share of.

The emphasis on sex is such today that many of these contests results in the most undeserving girls winning these titles. I am very impressed with this year's Miss Torrance and was quite proud of her conduct in the one event which I have been fortunate to observe her first hand. She is wholesome looking and charming.

I would suggest that next year the rules of the contest should be such that all of Torrance might be represented. Why not a preliminary contest with each section of the community represented by one girl who would then compete in the finals for the Miss Torrance title? A Walteria Reader.

### That Passing Parade

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# AFTER HOURS

By JOHN MORLEY

CHICAGO... What millions of people have seen on their TV screens of the Democratic National Convention in Chicago since Monday... and the Republican National Convention in San Francisco on August 20, will be for the most part "window-dressing." The real spade work, the deals, the maneuvering has been taking place behind closed doors for weeks.

As the delegates arrive, the professional politicians ar at them day and night. By convention time the insiders will lay odds on who will be nominated... those odds favor Adlai Stevenson as this is written. (Before convention opened.)

In the 1952 Republican National Convention at Chicago, when General Douglas MacArthur's name was placed in nomination, a great parade was started for him, around the hall. It was a great show. Senator John Bricker turned to Permanent Chairman Joe Martin and said, "Joe, it's really a great ovation they're giving the General"... to which Mr. Martin replied, "John, there isn't a delegate in the bunch."

There are exceptions, of course, like the Republican National Convention of 1940, when the professionals tried in vain to persuade Senator Robert Taft to run for Vice President, and he refused. His refusal split the delegations wide open and Wendell Willkie won. And the marathon Democratic National Convention of 1924, when professional strategy went out the window and the Convention took 103 ballots in 10 days of day and night sessions to nominate a practically unknown, John Davis.

CHAIRMAN IMPORTANT The selection of the temporary (keynoter) and permanent chairmen are of the utmost importance to the candidates. For instance, the choice of former F.B.I. agent and Tennessee Governor Frank Clement, a Stevenson supporter, as keynoter of the Democrats strengthens the hand of Stevenson. The TV screen won't show it, but the permanent chairman favoring a certain candidate may ignore motions from the floor coming from delegates he knows to be hostile to his man by the simple process of looking over their shoulders, to a more friendly crowd. This trick is not inconspicuous even in the deliberations of the Congress. The Convention delegates who are placed at a disadvantage of course don't like it, but as part of the inside political machinery they know that if they had a majority, they probably would do the same through the Chairman of their choice.

Jump Bandwagon In spite of previous commitments, delegates and precinct workers want to ride the winner, for it's good politics to be on the bandwagon before it starts moving. The elected candidate never forgets those who stuck with him when the going was toughest. So watch for even the most ardent supporters of one candidate to switch their vote at any moment it appears that their man hasn't a ghost of a chance for the nomination. The delegates are aware that it is here where political pushes, appointments and jobs originate. Covering a political convention at close range... which means at the level of smoke-filled hotel rooms where decisions of strength. What appears to be spontaneous on the TV screen is usually "window-dressing," carefully planned and executed with the professional's touch. Politics are made mostly of such things.

## Barney's Blarney

By BARNEY GLAZER

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### Control Decisive

Control of the resolutions committee, which frames the party platform, is vital, so that in writing the platform it could be steered, or tied up, to the public pronouncements of a certain candidate. Since the platform is adopted prior to the roll call on candidates, the candidate more in keeping with the views of the platform is way on top in the minds of the delegates. To cushion the shock from such a situation there is the minority report of the Platform Committee to allow a loophole for some other than the dominant candidate.

This reporter is not prone to predicting anything he cannot control himself. However, the cold mathematics, as we know them at this moment, indicate that Adlai Stevenson will be the nominee of the 1956 Democratic National Convention, with Estes Kefauver his running mate. Back in February, 1956, in these columns, after a tour of the nation and talks with Democratic political leaders, we said it would be Stevenson. This was in spite of the Kefauver bandwagon drive at that time. Now with Kefauver on his side Stevenson will face the first roll call, probably on August 15, with some 550 votes out of 686½ needed to win the nomination. Political strategy sometimes calls for not committing all of the available votes on the first ballot, so as to come in stronger on the second and make it appear that the candidate is gaining strength. So-Stevenson strategists may not release all of their votes on the first roll call, and those watching the proceedings on TV, or listening on the radio, might be misled as to his original potential strength.

The Averell Harriman drive has been losing ground for several days and its survival depends on ex-President Harry Truman. Truman has been working closely with the Harriman strategists from his suite in the Carlyle Hotel, New York, prior to coming to Chicago. He did not as much as call on the Democratic Headquarters on Connecticut Avenue in Washington since his return from Europe. His comment here that "a once defeated candidate for the presidency has never come back to win except in the strange case of Grover Cleveland" is the closest the ex-president has come in showing his lack of enthusiasm for Stevenson. There is no question in anybody's mind that Truman prefers Harriman but as a party man he would not encourage a floor fight for Harriman against such formidable Stevenson power.

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